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SUBJ: PRESIDENT FORD REMARKS ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR

CYPRUS COUP HIGHLIGHTED SEVERAL ATHENS

NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 8

1. REMARKS OF PRESIDENT FORD IN COURSE OF AUGUST 7
TELEVISION INTERVIEW RELEVANT TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR
CYPRUS COUP WAS PROMINENTLY TREATED IN ATHENS AFTERNOON
PAPERS APOYEVMATINI, VRADYNI AND ESPERINI ON AUGUST 8.
VRADYNI HEADLINED ITS PROMINENT BACK PAGE REPORT,
"FORD AGAINST THE JUNTA" WHILE APOYEVMATINI LED INTO
ITS STORY BY STATING "FORD AGAINST IOANNIDES; (HE WAS)
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INVASION". ESPERINI AFFORDED THE
MOST PROMINENT COVERAGE OF STORY THROUGH ITS FRONT PAGE
PLACEMENT WITH HEADLINE READING "FORD BLAMES IOANNIDES
FOR THE COUP AND THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF MAKARIOS;
CONSIDERS AS FAIT ACCOMPLI THE OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN
CYPRUS BY THE TURKS".

2. IN AN ASSOCIATED EDITORIAL ENTITLED, "A BOMB",
ESPERINI TAKES NOTE OF FACT THAT IN HIS

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REMARKS PRESIDENT FORD DID NOT REFER TO RESPONSIBILITY

OF EITHER UK OR U.S. FOR CYPRUS COUP AND SUBSEQUENT
TURKISH INVASION OF ISLAND. SIMILARLY, EDITORIAL
NOTES THAT PRESIDENT ALSO AVOIDED COMMENTING ON
RESPONSIBILITY OF TURKEY. CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRESS
CONCLUDES IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT HIS STATEMENT CAN
PASS UNNOTICED BY GREEK GOVERNMENT. IT CONCLUDES WITH
OBSERVATION THAT PERHAPS IT NECESSARY FOR TRIAL ON CYPRUS
TO COMMENCE SOONEST. KUBISCH

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